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PATENT**REMARKS**Status of the Claims

After amendment, claims 1-93 are pending. Claims 1-32 and 87-93 have been withdrawn.

Restriction

The Examiner required election of one of the following five groups:

- I. Claims 1-24, drawn to a bone fiber and a bone material composition comprised of bone fiber, bone forming cells and an agent, classified in class 623, subclasses 26.61.
- II. Claims 25-32, drawn to a method for inducing or promoting bone growth by providing a bone fiber and contacting said bone fiber to bone forming cells, class 435, subclass 70.3.
- III. Claim 33-86, drawn to a cutter and a substrate cutting device for producing substrate fibers, classified in class 606, subclass 180.
- IV. Claim 87-90, drawn to a method of cutting a substrate, classified in class 408, subclass 1.
- V. Claim 91-93, drawn to a substrate fiber produced using a cutting device, classified in class 424, subclass 400.

Applicant elects group III directed to a cutter and a substrate cutting device for producing substrate fibers.

Consequently claims 1-32 and 87-93 stand withdrawn according to the Examiner's requirement. The elections read on claims 33-86.

Conclusion

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3420 (95176562-0024001).

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